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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08350.0243-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Mohammed A. KHAN ) Group Art Unit: 2123  
Application No.: 10/024,359 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: December 21, 2001 )  
For: SYMBOLIC EVALUATION ENGINE FOR ) Confirmation No.: 6525  
HIGH-PERFORMANCE SIMULATIONS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**THIRD STATUS INQUIRY**


According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on December 21, 2001. Applicant filed a Status Inquiry on March 6, 2003. A Status Reply dated March 13, 2003, indicated that a first Office Action may issue in approximately 15 months. Applicant filed a Second Status Inquiry on July 15, 2004. To date, Applicant has not received a Reply to the Second Status Inquiry or a first Office Action on the merits.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 13, 2005

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